

Brooklyn City Council
Tuesday, October 22, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: Kevin Tanski, Barb Paulitzky, Ron Van Kirk, Meg Ryan Shockey, Andy Celcherts, Kathy Pucci, Mary Balbier.

ABSENT: None

Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Prayer was offered by Councilwoman Mary Balbier.

Approval of Minutes of October 9, 2018.

Councilwoman Pucci made a correction to a word. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Van Kirk to approve, as amended. **VOTE: To approve, as amended:** Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. **APPROVED, as amended**

President Van Kirk said the City's BoardDocs is up and running. The link is on the City's website under the City Council tab marked City Council Meetings. Agendas, legislation and all attachments will be available there. The current meeting is labeled "Featured" and previous meetings are under the 2018 tab (click the plus sign to open).

PUBLIC SESSION:

Victor Ardito of 7439 Outlook Ave. spoke about street repair on So. Amber asking why some was with concrete and asphalt, as expands at different rates. -Saw the recycle truck pick up his neighbor's recycling container that had three plastic bags of recycling which were picked up by the truck and dumped. -Commented on the bathroom needing cleaned.

Rob Slattery of 4396 W. 62nd St., Cleveland has seen signs out in support of the school; asked Councilman Van Kirk if he supports the school levy, and will openly come out in support.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS & BOARDS:

Finance Committee (Councilman Van Kirk): The Committee met at 6:30 and discussed: a request from the Police Chief for approval to accept a \$2,500 Walmart grant (for Shop with a Cop Program); a request from the Fire Chief for approval to accept a \$2,500 Walmart grant (for smoke detectors and fire safety literature); Res. 2018-9, (requested to be adopted under suspension) requests the Fiscal Officer to advance taxes from proceeds of 2018 tax levies; Ord. 2018-76, updates the Board of Control in the city (to put us in line with the ORC); Ord. 2018-77, a credit card policy for the City (to be in line with the ORC, in having a formal policy and procedure in place); Ord. 2018-78, (requested to be adopted under suspension) establishes rental fees for the use of the Natatorium for the swimming pool (allows rental for different types of groups/per person for lanes and areas); Ord. 2018-79, accepts medical insurance renewal from Medical Mutual of Ohio and providing insurance coverage for all eligible employees from 1/1/19, and from Delta Dental for dental coverage from 1/1/19 to 12/31/20. (There was a 0% increase for medical, at the rate of around \$1.5M for coverage; dental has a 9% increase for 2019 and 0% for 2020, for \$110,000/year).

Recreation Board (Councilman Tanski): The Recreation Bd. will meet Monday, Nov. 19th in the Rec Center mtg. room at 7 p.m.

Domestic Abuse Commission (Councilwoman Ryan Shockey): The Commission met Oct. 10th and discussed current news, updates on the non-profit Love Doesn't Shove event to hold in the schools; Chamber luncheon and donation drive. The next (and final for 2018) meeting is Nov. 8th at 6 p.m. in the Fire Station. -She was guest speaker on Oct. 11th at the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, sharing facts and information for individuals and businesses on the goal of ending the cycle. "...it's everybody's business, not just cops and judged along; we all have an obligation to take this on." -The Commission is still collecting goods in honor of Domestic Abuse Awareness Month, with two boxes in the Police Dept. lobby (one for used clothes in good condition, and one for new toiletries). The boxes will be there until Friday.

Bd. of Zoning Appeals (Commissioner Kulcsar): The Board met Oct. 18th and heard requests from: M.Christopher at 8914 Ansonia for a 2-ft. variance to minimum 3-ft. required for accessory structure (garage) to side yard setback and for a 1-ft. variance to minimum 3-ft. required for rear yard setback. The next Bd. meeting is Nov. 15th at 6 p.m. in the City Hall conference room.

School Board Liaison (Councilwoman Paulitzky): The School Board met Oct 16th. A video was introduced with students highlighting culture change, with most student groups participating, with the goal to boost morale and encourage school spirit. There are also decorated hallways. Students get papers for being more respectful in school; and they are being more respectful. The School Bd. is hearing less incidents of bullying -1st Quarter ends Oct. 19th and parents can access report cards online. -Teachers will meet for their specialty for discussions. -Teacher Ken Rademaker was recognized as October Teacher of the Month for setting a strong example and using avid instruction strategies, and showing positive support for his students at events. He has been teaching at Brooklyn for 18 years. -High School senior Jeremy Oquendo was recognized by Math Corps Cleveland with an excellence in teaching award for dedication, commitment and hard work during 2018 Summer Camp (4-week program at Cleveland State campus). -Congratulated the Middle School football team on being PAC champions. -Homecoming King and Queen are Nick Vaun and Amarissa Dentz. -Issue 3, a 6.9 mill continuous operating levy is on the ballot Nov. 6th; it will generate a little over \$2M/year, and can be used for permanent improvement, text books, personnel, etc. -A 3rd forum to discuss levy questions will be Oct. 23rd at 6 p.m. in the Auditorium. Call Dr. Gleichauf with any questions. -New Bd. Treasurer Mr. Hoskins is working with State Legislators to advocate for changes in how Brooklyn is viewed as an affluent community; and will continue this when the new Governor is in place.

Planning Commission (Councilman Van Kirk): The Commission will meet Nov 1st at 6 p.m. in the conference room for a request from: M.L. Weber, PE for final plan approval for 4-story 85-room hotel on Tiedeman Rd.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Kevin Tanski: A field trip is scheduled to pick up students from Polaris and Brooklyn High School from the Digital Electronics Engineering class for a trip through our solar landfill site on Oct. 24th. Dir. Verba, Mike Foley (County Dir, of Sustainability), Mike Wise (McDonald Hopkins) and he will be there also. All of Council is welcome.

Barb Paulitzky: Attended the Oktoberfest luncheon at the Senior Center on Oct. 18. It was delicious. Spoke with many seniors from Brooklyn and other communities who said they enjoy gathering for these events. Check it out if you haven't. The Christmas get together is soon. -Attended the Brooklyn Pointe grand opening, and many residents were there. It's a great alternative for seniors who find it difficult to live on their own. Also delicious food. -Fall is here, and hope the leaves fall before the snow flies. -Get out and vote Nov. 6th.

Meg Ryan Shockey: Thanked the Service Dept. for opening the garage past Saturday for an extra drop off. -Early voting has started, be sure to inform yourself on candidates/issues and cast your vote.

Andy Celcherts: Oct. 22-26th is designated National School Bus Safety Week. Reviewed procedures for stopping on the roads where school buses are, and gave statistics relating to school bus crashes. Thanks to our Police Dept. for helping to make everyone safe. -The City was awarded \$70,221 from ODOT Safe Routes to School infrastructure grant, for public infrastructure improvements to benefit the Brooklyn School District. Funding will make needed improvements to main school crosswalk with safety striping, additional signage, pedestrian crossing beacons at Biddulph and Williamston, Heather, path lighting on Southwood, and portable radar sign beacons to monitor traffic speed near school zones. -Oct. 30th around 6:30 p.m. the judges will be out for the Halloween House Decorating Contest. -Oct 24th at 7 p.m. the Brooklyn Historical Society has their monthly mtg., with a diver from Cleveland Underwater Explorers presenting a program on a schooner that sank in Lake Erie in a 1893 storm. -Nov. 9th the Post Prom Committee holds a wing ding night at Bleachers (\$25/person).

Kathy Pucci: Thanked Mr. Ardito for his comments. -The Safe Routes to School Grant, we applied for \$398,100 for various projects, and ODOT will fund \$70,221 - which will help with the most important components in keeping students safe while walking/biking to school. Thanked all who assisted, it was a

team effort (Suzy Marquis and Laura Paul from the schools, Mr. Udris and Mr. Celcherts, Sgt. Knapp, Officer Meadows, and from ODOT and the County Bd. of Health). The improvements are for state fiscal year 2021 (we'll complete it between 7/1/20 and 6/30/21). –Big Creek Connects sponsors an autumn walk in Brooklyn on Sat., Oct. 27th from 11-1. It's half a mile, off-trail; dress for the weather, and a rugged walk. Property is on Biddulph, between 10316 and 10408 Biddulph (across from Fairway). Sign up for the walk at 216-661-7706 or bgardin@bigcreekconnects.org. –Thanked Dir Raguz for a good mtg. they had, she appreciates his time. –Issue 3 – as mentioned, the final financial forum is Oct. 23rd at 6 p.m. She encourages residents to attend as there is good information shared, and excellent questions for discussion. It will be on the District's website at www.brooklyn.k12.oh.us. –Welcomes Brooklyn Pointe; the project has been a long time coming. She's on Council 20 years, and an assisted senior living complex there was proposed before that time. Thrilled they are here. Will drop by for a tour, she couldn't make the opening due to work obligation. –Congratulated former resident and retired Firefighter Dennis Puening and resident and School Bd. member Rocky Neale for being inducted into Greater Cleveland Softball Hall of Fame.

Mary Balbier: General Election is Nov 6th, and there's a deluge of mail. Commented on Issue 1 (proposed Constitutional Amendment), To reduce penalties for crimes of obtaining, possessing and using illegal drugs. Urges voters to read the full text. Reviewed the broad purpose of the Amendment to address the continuing, escalating, opiate and drug problem in our state, and the prison over population; and listed some statistics relating to them. This seeks a sentence reduction of up to 25% if the inmate participates in rehabilitative work or educational programming (not for major crimes, but geared to the drug problem). She mentioned groups/people against and in favor of it. Again urges reading the entire language. The drug and opiate crisis in our State and the country is mind-boggling. Decide on Nov. 6th. –Welcomed Brooklyn Pointe. She couldn't make the opening (was working), but stopped Saturday and then had an entire tour. It's beautiful and spacious, with 18 memory care rooms, and suites. If you get a chance, visit. –Commented on Issue 3, as a Mom, trying to make kids better individuals; she's supportive of it and hopes it passes, because it's helping a kid.

Ron Van Kirk: Thanked Councilwoman Balbier for explaining Issue 1 again; he detailed it at the last mtg. Also encouraged voters to look at this important Issue (and it is long to read). –Came across a good website called ivoterguide.com that you can put your zip code in and get information on the races. –Issue 3, he's said the same thing since he's been on Council for seven years, that he does not endorse or come out against any school levy issue from the Council floor, and he won't deviate, but appreciates the questions. He'll continue that consistency on the position as long as he's on Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Katie Gallagher: The Hurricane Alley mound discussed last meeting- she met with Supt. Gleichauf, with Bldg. Comm. Kulcsar; he informed they will be leveling that in the next couple months. She reached out to a resident in the area to let her know; but asked Councilman Tanski to let the other people know. –Reiterated about the Oktoberfest, that our Senior Center does a terrific job with events put on. The seniors loving coming out, getting together, dancing. The staff does a tremendous job; and more importantly, our volunteers do a tremendous job, and without them we couldn't hold these big events –Repeated on Brooklyn Pointe, she's been out there three times, for different events, and this was grand opening. They did all their finishing touches, and it looks terrific. She couldn't ask to work with better staff there through Meridian. The owners, Steve and Allen, have been terrific to work with the last year and a half, coming through with all their promises. Residents on Elizabeth Ln. have had nothing in their backyard for so many years, and they've taken care of all issues any resident requested and fulfilled it. It's been a great organization to work with, and she's looking forward to them being a good partner in our community for years to come. –Thanked the Service Dept. guys that came in Saturday for cleanup day. Dir. Verba informed her that 83 carloads were dropped off. This was asked through our survey process, so we had two Saturday openings, and both were successful. Dir. Verba is setting up dates for next year, and another Shred Day, so it will go on our calendars. –She mentioned last week she identified the steering committee for the Master Plan (she announced names at the last mtg.); their first mtg. will be Oct 30th at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. Also working on a survey to go out to the community. We did one two years ago, so trying not to repeat some same questions. It will focus on zoning, economic development, recreation areas, and different topics to hone in on that we couldn't on the last survey. If you receive a survey, please fill it out, we want your feedback, and looking for it as a good guide for the steering committee to make important decisions for

our community for years to come. –Reminded that our Fire Dept. will have a Veterans Day breakfast on Sunday, Nov 11th from 9 a.m. to noon. They will be cooking breakfast for you. Thank you to all the Vets for serving in our country; please come and take advantage of it.

DIRECTORS REPORTS:

Finance Dir. Raguz: Reminded that the capital budget work session is Oct. 29 at 6 p.m.

Fire Chief Paul: Sunday, Nov. 4th is end of Daylight Savings Time. Remember to change batteries in smoke detectors before bed on Saturday. If you need assistance, contact the Fire Dept, they'll come and assist.

Bldg. Comm. Kulcsar: In this season of political signs we have some ordinances to follow. Remember you can put signs anywhere on your property; but the tree lawn is the right-of-way, and no signs are permitted in that location. If you remove them after the election that would be great.

REQUESTS:

Request from Police Chief Mielke to accept a \$2,500 Walmart grant, to be used for the Shop with a Cop Program. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Tanski to accept the grant. **VOTE:** Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

Request from Fire Chief Paul to accept a \$2,500 Walmart grant, to be used to purchase smoke alarms for citizens and fire safety literature. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to accept the grant. **VOTE:** Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. **(APPROVED)**

LEGISLATION:

RES. #2018-8 (2nd Reading): Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Cuyahoga County General Health District for Health Services for the years 2019 and 2020. **(SECOND READING)**

RES. #2018-9 (2nd Reading/request suspension/adoption): Requesting the County Fiscal Officer to advance taxes from the proceeds of the 2018 Tax Levies pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Section 321.34. **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Celcherts to introduce by all, suspend the rules. **VOTE:** *To suspend the rules:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. *To adopt:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. #2018-76, Amending Ch. 155 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brooklyn to bring the City's Board of Control into alignment with the Ohio Revised Code. **(FIRST READING)**

ORD. #2018-77, Adopting a policy for the use of the City of Brooklyn credit cards pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 921(a). **MOTION** by Pucci, second by Ryan Shockey to amend in Section N to add the word 'submit'. **VOTE:** *To amend:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. **(AMENDED, FIRST READING)**

ORD. #2018-78, To establish rental fees for the use of the City of Brooklyn Natatorium complex swimming pools for use by various groups and organizations. **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Celcherts to introduce by all, suspend the rules. **VOTE:** *To suspend the rules:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. *To adopt:* Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

ORD. #2018-79, Accepting the medical insurance renewal for Medical Mutual of Ohio providing medical insurance coverage for eligible employees from 1/1/2019 to 12/31/2019 and from Delta Dental for dental coverage from 1/1/2019 to 12/31/2020. **(FIRST READING)**

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL
October 22, 2018

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Councilman Tanski thanked the Mayor on the process of going through with Supt. Gleichauf and the School Board on getting the mounds removed from the backyards of the houses on Radoan. –He earlier said Mike Verba, and it should be John Verba, so he corrects that.

Councilwoman Pucci suggested to Dir Verba we look at for next year a minimum of having Saturday for the garage opening once a quarter.

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Van Kirk, second by Ryan Shockey to adjourn. **VOTE:** Yes: Tanski, Paulitzky, Van Kirk, Ryan Shockey, Celcherts, Pucci, Balbier. No: None. **(ADJOURNED)**

Mary-Jo Banish
Clerk of Council

Ron Van Kirk
President of Council

Minutes approved: 11.13.18